First Congregational
United Church of Christ

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An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice

June 11, 2023
10:00 am

"Confusing Inclusion"

Second Sunday after Pentecost

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, You are welcome here!

WORSHIP ON ZOOM -- Zoom opens at 9:45 am Sunday morning.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7643282234

Meeting ID: 764 328 2234
Passcode: Ypsi1882
To join by phone, dial the number, 1-312-626-6799

- Welcome to Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC's Summer Zoom Worship Service
- Hymns are included in the worship bulletin. A separate hymnal is not needed.
- If you are joining worship for the first-time on Zoom, please add your name and email to the chat so the Zoomie Greeter can introduce you.
- Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifies and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe, nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

RINGING THE BELL — **MARTY KLEINO**

PRELUDE — ***Start Zoom Recoding to Cloud** — **JOSHUA CANTANIA**

"Improvisation"
J. Catania

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS — **KIKI FUGATE**

- A warm welcome to all, including first-time visitors.
- As stated in our Open and Affirming Covenant (previous page), all persons are welcome in this community of faith.
- The Zoom Host and Greeter is **Anne Marie Nicoll-Turner** who will introduce folks participating in worship.
- Please share your announcements so everyone can learn what is happening in our beloved ministry community.
- Please submit written announcements to Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator, margaretsharner@gmail.com, by midnight on Tuesday.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN — *Microphone muted — **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"You Are Welcome Here"
26 SING

CALL TO WORSHIP — *Responsive with microphone muted — **KIKI FUGATE**

Leader: Spirit is in our midst.

People: Spirit is in our hearts.

Leader: Spirit calls.

People: Spirit challenges.

Leader: Trust in the Holy One, for Spirit brings new life.

People: Our hearts are open wide; our trust is true.

Leader: Let us worship God.

HYMN — *Microphone muted — *Standing optional — **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"The God of Prophets Praise"
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LISTENING FOR GOD

FIRST READING **Matthew 9:9-13** **REV. JAY**

MORNING MESSAGE **"Confusing Inclusion"** **REV. JAY**

HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Let Us Hope When All Seems Hopeless"
461 NCH

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Pause Zoom recording **REV. JAY**

*Zoomies: Please turn on your microphone

You are invited to share your joys and petitions for prayer.
Please unmute your microphone to share a joy or make a prayer of petition.
At the end of each joy or petition, please say **"God in your mercy"**
We will respond (with microphones muted) **"Hear our prayers"**

PASTORAL PRAYER *Restart Zoom recording **REV. JAY**

DISCIPLES' PRAYER *Unison with Microphone muted **REV. JAY**

God of the exiled,
You are at home everywhere and nowhere.
Make your home in us this day.
Grant us the courage to wrestle with what we do not understand.
Open our hearts to respond with thoughtful and lasting change.
Teach us patience and respect as we care for others and ourselves.
Mark us with your love that we might live as signs of your kin-dom come. Amen.

Use this moment of silence to offer your own prayers.

OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING **REV. JAY**

We bring our offerings in thanksgiving to God, remembering that we are but temporary stewards over all we possess.

Our electronic giving platform is Tithe.ly: Link to Tithe.ly

Checks can be mailed to:
First Congregational United Church of Christ
PO Box 980413, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY **"We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky"** **JOSHUA CANTANIA**
Ruth Duck

DOXOLOGY *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Take My Gifts" v 2, 562 NCH

Take the fruits that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
Harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,
Spiced with humor, laced with laughter, flavor of the Jesus life,
*Tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief***.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Unison with Microphone muted **KIKI FUGATE**

Thank you, God, for hearing our prayers and restoring our strength,
Let our offerings today fulfill your purposes, not ours. Amen.

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

CLOSING HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Some Glad Morning (I'll Fly Away)"
595 NCH

BENEDICTION *Microphone muted *Responsive **REV. JAY**

Leader: Go in peace.

People: Wherever we go, we dwell in God's presence.

Leader: Trust in God's promise.

People: Whatever we do, may we be a blessing.

Leader: May the God of Hagar and Sarah bless you.
May the Christ, who suffers, uphold you.
May the Spirit, who sustains, disturb you.

All: Amen.

POSTLUDE **"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"** **JOSHUA CATANIA**
AugustusToplady/Thomas Hastings

PASSING THE PEACE **FRIENDS GATHERED**

*Save Zoom Recording to Cloud (click "yes")

Share a greeting with others as we transition to our casual Zoom Friendship Time.

Zoom Only Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Rev. Jay Cummings, Bringing the Message
Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director
Joshua Catania, Accompanist
Jenn Zibbell, MID Ministry Intern
Kiki Fugate, Worship Leader
Marty Kleino, Bell Ringer

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For pastoral care needs and/or emergencies, please call or text Donna Eyster, 734-780-5857.

Thank you, Jay, for sharing your faith, love and witness this morning.

Worship Next Week: Zoom Host/Greeter, Anne Marie Nicoll-Turner; Bringing the Message, Rev. John Rohde.

Church Council will meet on Wednesday, June 28th, 7:00 PM, on church zoom. **All are welcome and encouraged to attend!**

Looking ahead:

- **June 18th –** We welcome Rev. John Rohde who will bring the message. John, now retired, is a former pastor of this faith community and a longtime supporter of this congregation.
- **June 25th –** Rev. Jeanette Sherrill will bring the message, **Daring Discipleship.**

Thank you John and Jeanette for sharing your faith and witness with us.

. . . . it takes a village.

OUR MINISTRIES

HOLY GROUNDS AND TEA FOR THE SOUL - During the Omicron (COVID) surge members of Ypsi UCC provided local coffee, tea, coffee cups, and single packaged snacks for the night shift at Trinity Health St. Joe Mercy Hospital where Rev. Dan Kidder-McQuown is the night chaplain. While the COVID crisis has partially resolved, the stress level of the night staff has not. Contributing factors include the long-term emerging effects of COVID, a lack of staff, a nation-wide nurse shortage, and staff burnout. The night shift greatly appreciates this ministry of hospitality and caring.

Please consider donating coffee that is roasted by local Michigan companies. Tea and single packaged candy or snacks are also welcome. Please contact Marty Kleino at Mgkleino@gmail.com or 734-262-1419 to have your donation delivered to St. Joes. If you would like more information about this ministry, please contact Dan Kidder-McQuown at mcq188@gmail.com or 517-240-8413.

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY – WASHTENAW INTERFAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS (WICIR) - Since 2008, **WICIR** has been working with, and in support of, immigrants in Washtenaw County facing challenges of many kinds. At our inception the primary need that brought us together was to support people facing enforcement action by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement); most often detention, deportation, and removal. To date, WICIR has responded to 650 calls. Always in partnership with folks most affected, many actions and services have evolved as identified by our immigrant siblings, while always keeping focused on our original mission:

To provide culturally sensitive and supportive urgent response to those in Washtenaw County in immigration-related crises; impact local governmental policies to empower and protect immigrant community members; and work toward humane national immigration reform.

Our outreach has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in immigrant communities have experienced significant challenges as they struggle to pay rent, provide food for their families and other basic survival needs. To respond, WICIR, in partnership with Mexiquenses in Michigan (from St. Francis of Assisi Parish), has raised and distributed $200,000 relief funds to immigrants and their families. We have a waiting list of those still in need and will continue this effort as funds are available.

For information about what's happening with immigrant rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Melanie Harner at melharner@gmail.com or through the WICIR website: https://wicir.org/. You can also find a link on the church website.

WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION – Ypsilanti First Congregational is a founding institution of the local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. WeROC members are, at our core, focused on intentionally re-weaving the frayed fabric of community at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated. Especially in this time when so many are being hit by the health and economic crises, WeROC's focus on raising voices of those most affected is more important than ever (See COVID-19 Resources at www.werocmi.org) WeROC's Mission Statement is:

WeROC brings together faith, labor, community organizations, and individuals to build the healthy collective power needed to break down the systems that sustain injustice, racism, and economic inequality.

WeROC is affiliated with the Detroit Metro organization MOSES and the Gamliel National Network. Contact Tad Wysor at tadwysor@gmail.com or 734-883-3225.

This past election year showed us good things can happen when we're working together in the same direction. WeROC is moving rapidly **forward** to keep momentum going and find ways to continue to be more effective together in making our communities healthier and more vibrant places; improving the lives of *everyone* in big ways-- especially those who are most vulnerable and whose voice have seldom been heard.

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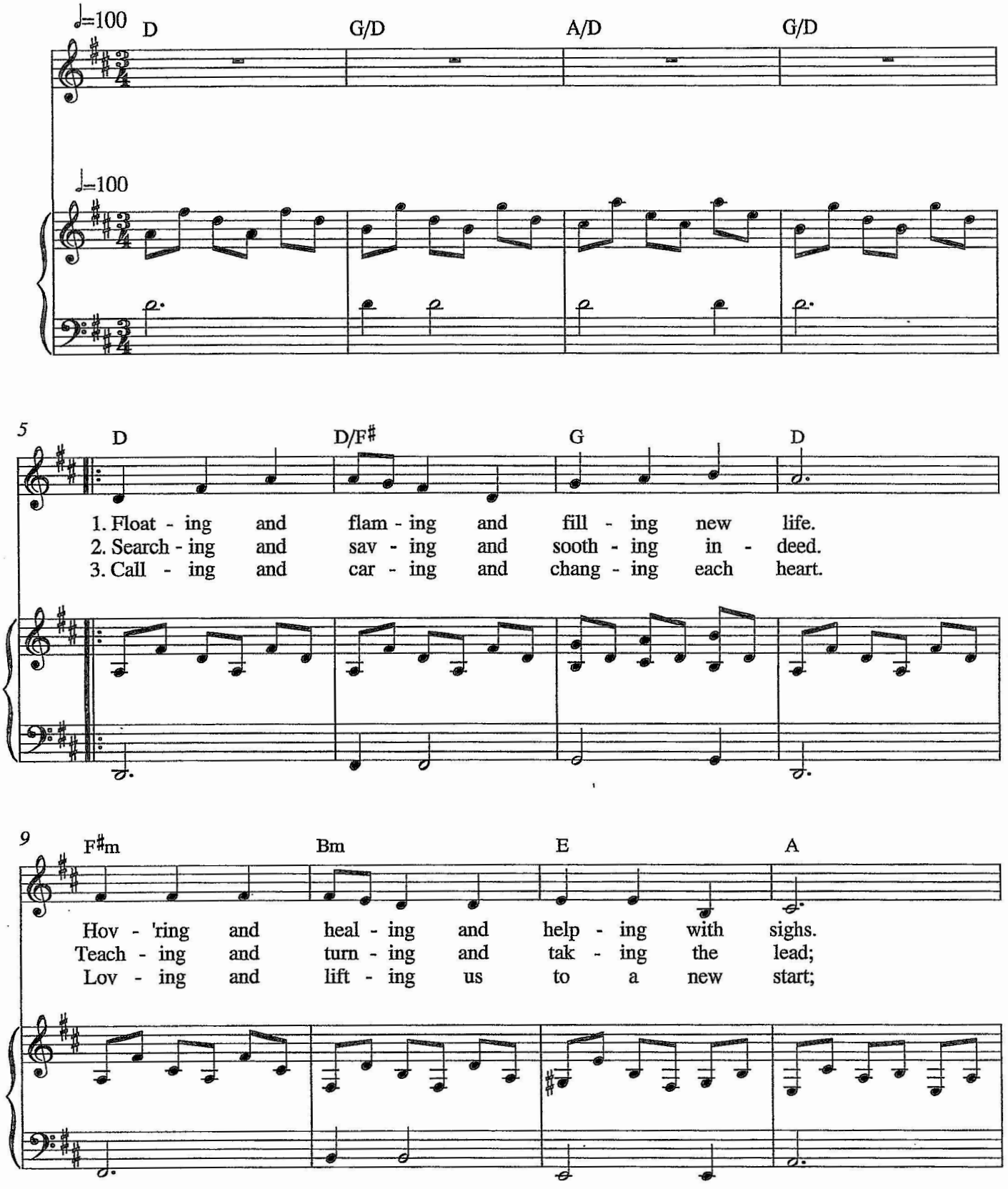
Call to Prayer

♩=100
D
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G/D
♩=100
5
D
D/F♯
G
D
1. Float - ing and flam - ing and fill - ing new life.
2. Search - ing and sav - ing and sooth - ing in - deed.
3. Call - ing and car - ing and chang - ing each heart.
9
F♯m
Bm
E
A
Hov - 'ring and heal - ing and help - ing with sighs.
Teach - ing and turn - ing and tak - ing the lead;
Lov - ing and lift - ing us to a new start;

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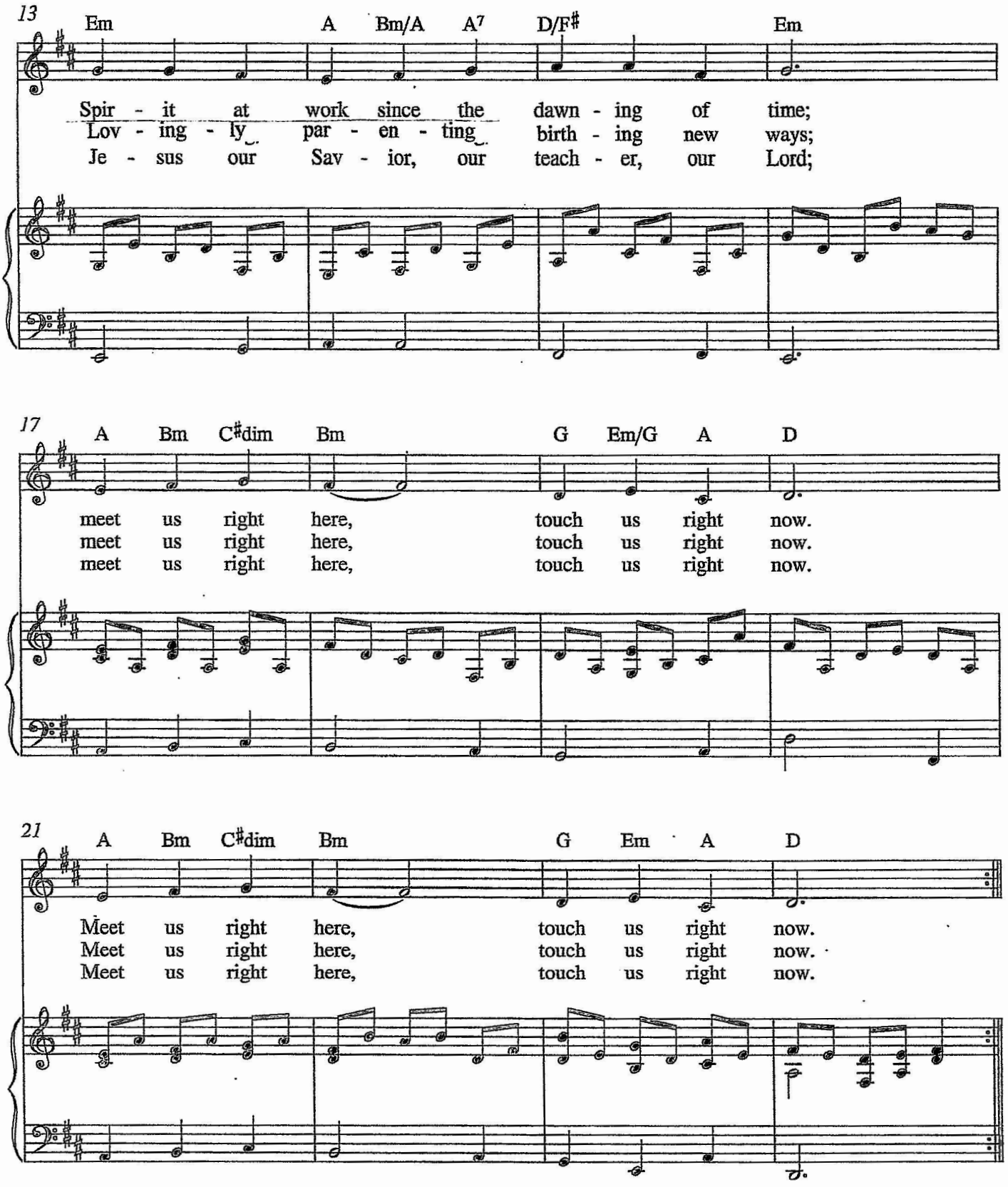
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Em A Bm/A A7 D/F♯ Em
Spir - it at work since the dawn - ing of time;
Lov - ing - ly par - en - ting birth - ing new ways;
Je - sus our Sav - ior, our teach - er, our Lord;
17
A Bm C♯dim Bm G Em/G A D
meet us right here, touch us right now.
meet us right here, touch us right now.
meet us right here, touch us right now.
21
A Bm C♯dim Bm G Em A D
Meet us right here, touch us right now.
Meet us right here, touch us right now.
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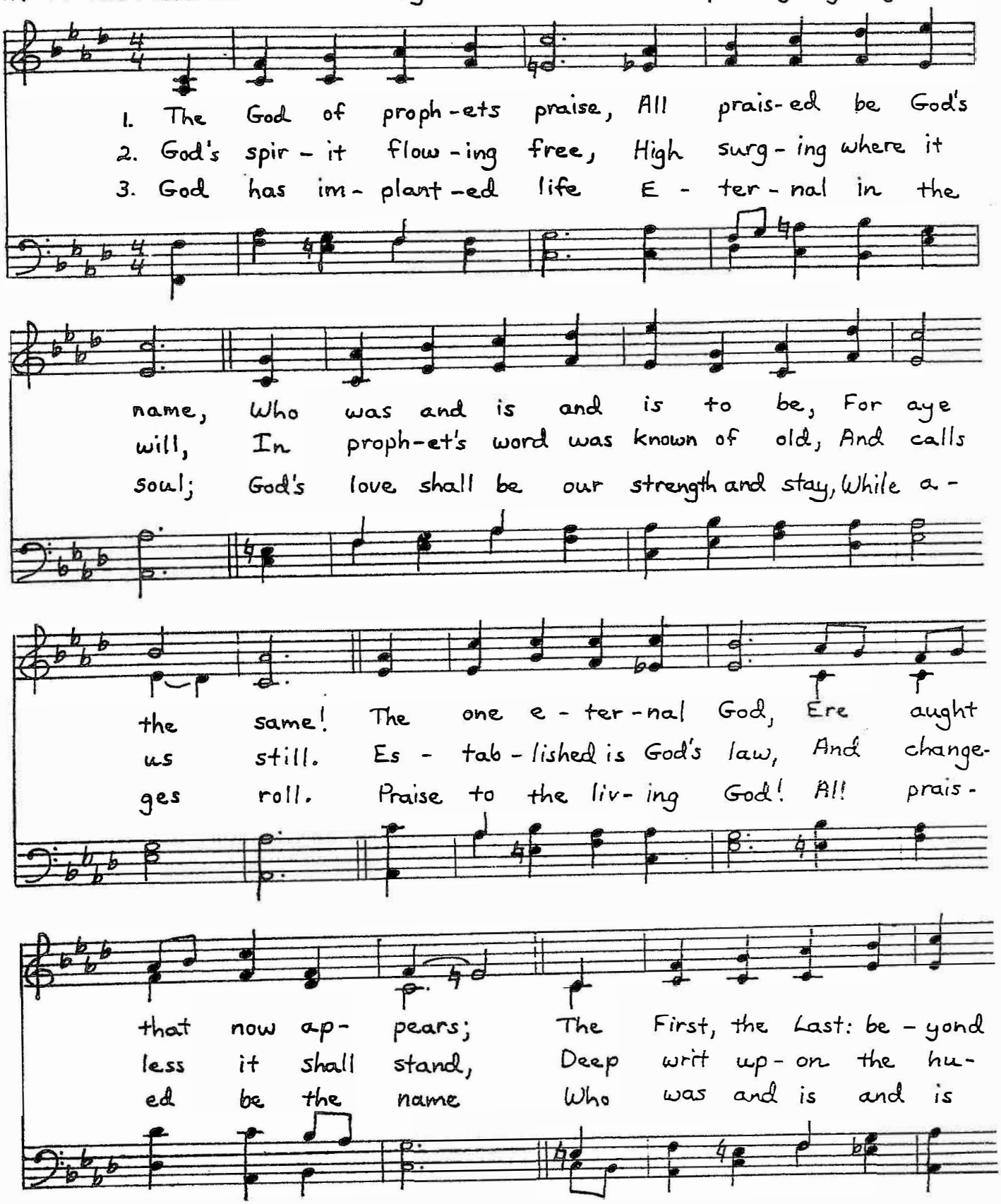
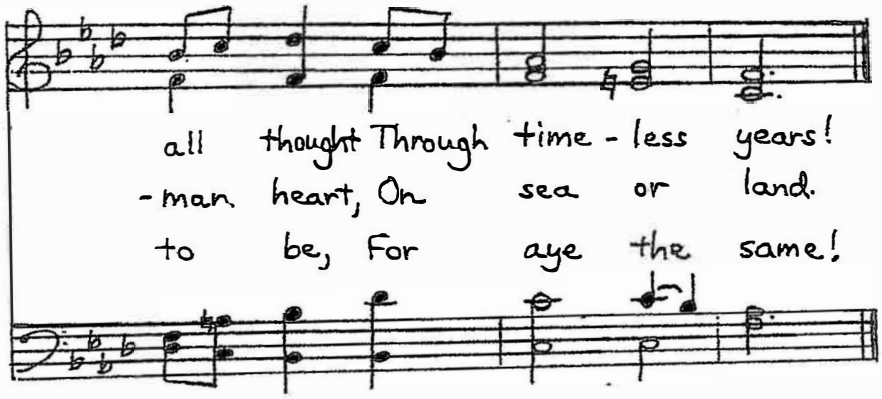
21 The God of Prophets Praise

Revised Version of the Yigdal, adapted
Daniel ben Judah, c. 1400
Tr. Newton Mann and Max Landsberg

LEONI 6.6.8.4.D.
Traditional Hebrew Melody
Adapted by Meyer Lyon, 1770


1. The God of proph-ets praise, All prais-ed be God's
2. God's spir-it flow-ing free, High surg-ing where it
3. God has im-plant-ed life E-ter-nal in the
name, Who was and is and is to be, For aye
will, In proph-et's word was known of old, And calls
soul; God's love shall be our strength and stay, While a-
the same! The one e-ter-nal God, Ere aught
us still. Es-tab-lished is God's law, And change-
ges roll. Praise to the liv-ing God! All prais-
that now ap-pears; The First, the Last: be-yond
less it shall stand, Deep writ up-on the hu-
ed be the name Who was and is and is



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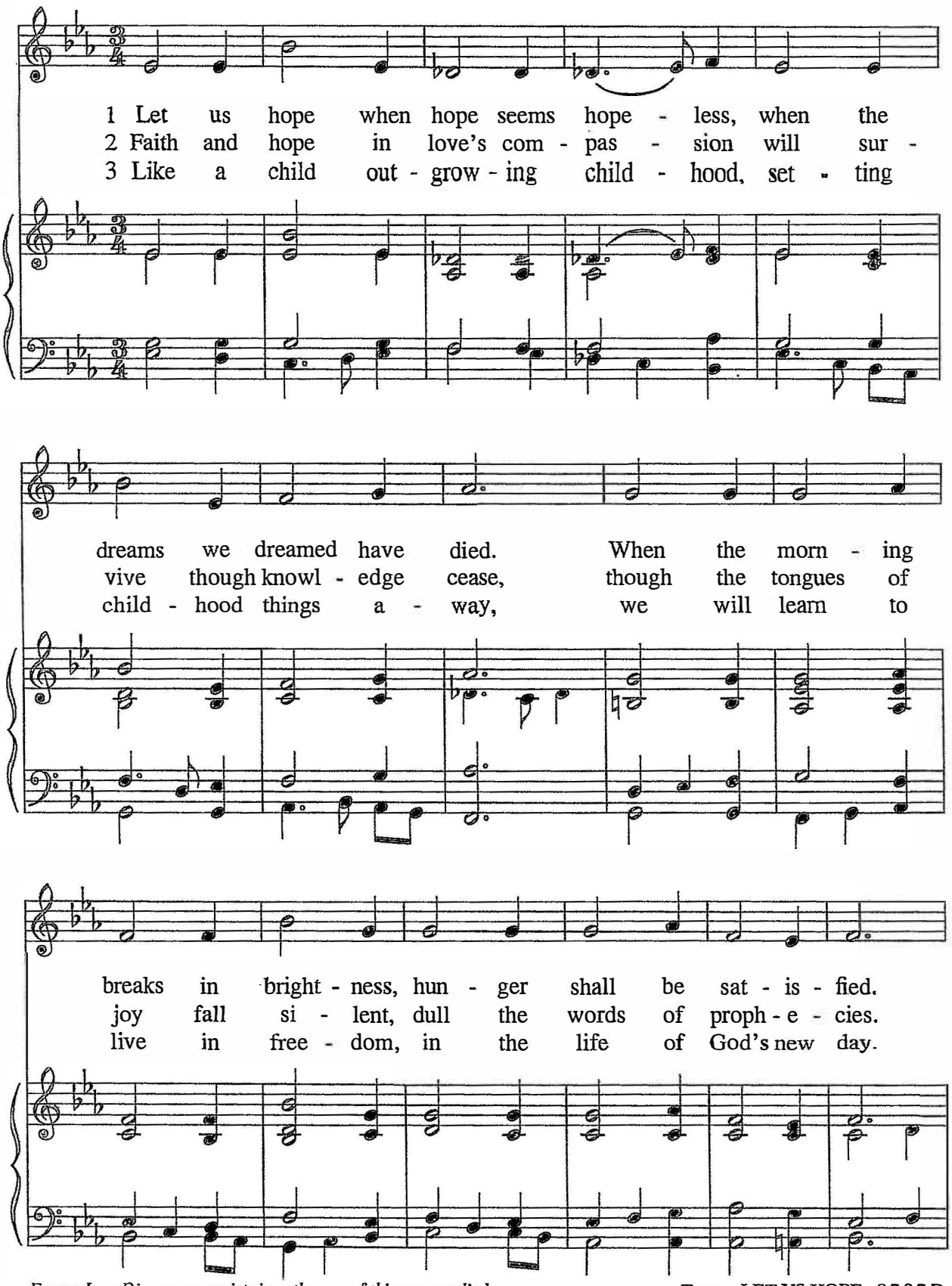
461 Let Us Hope when Hope Seems Hopeless

Ps. 126:5–6; Rom. 4:18; 1 Cor. 13

David Beebe, 1989

1 Let us hope when hope seems hope - less, when the
2 Faith and hope in love's com - pas - sion will sur -
3 Like a child out - grow - ing child - hood, set - ting
dreams we dreamed have died. When the morn - ing
vive though knowl - edge cease, though the tongues of
child - hood things a - way, we will learn to
breaks in bright - ness, hun - ger shall be sat - is - fied.
joy fall si - lent, dull the words of proph - e - cies.
live in free - dom, in the life of God's new day.

Emma Lou Diemer, organist since the age of thirteen, studied composition at Yale University and Eastman School of Music, and has published orchestra, chamber, choral, and organ works. David Beebe wrote this text while teaching a course on creative writing. A minister of the United Church of Christ, Beebe has served on the staff of the denomination's Stewardship Council.

Tune: LET US HOPE 8.7.8.7.D.
Emma Lou Diemer, 1994
Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL

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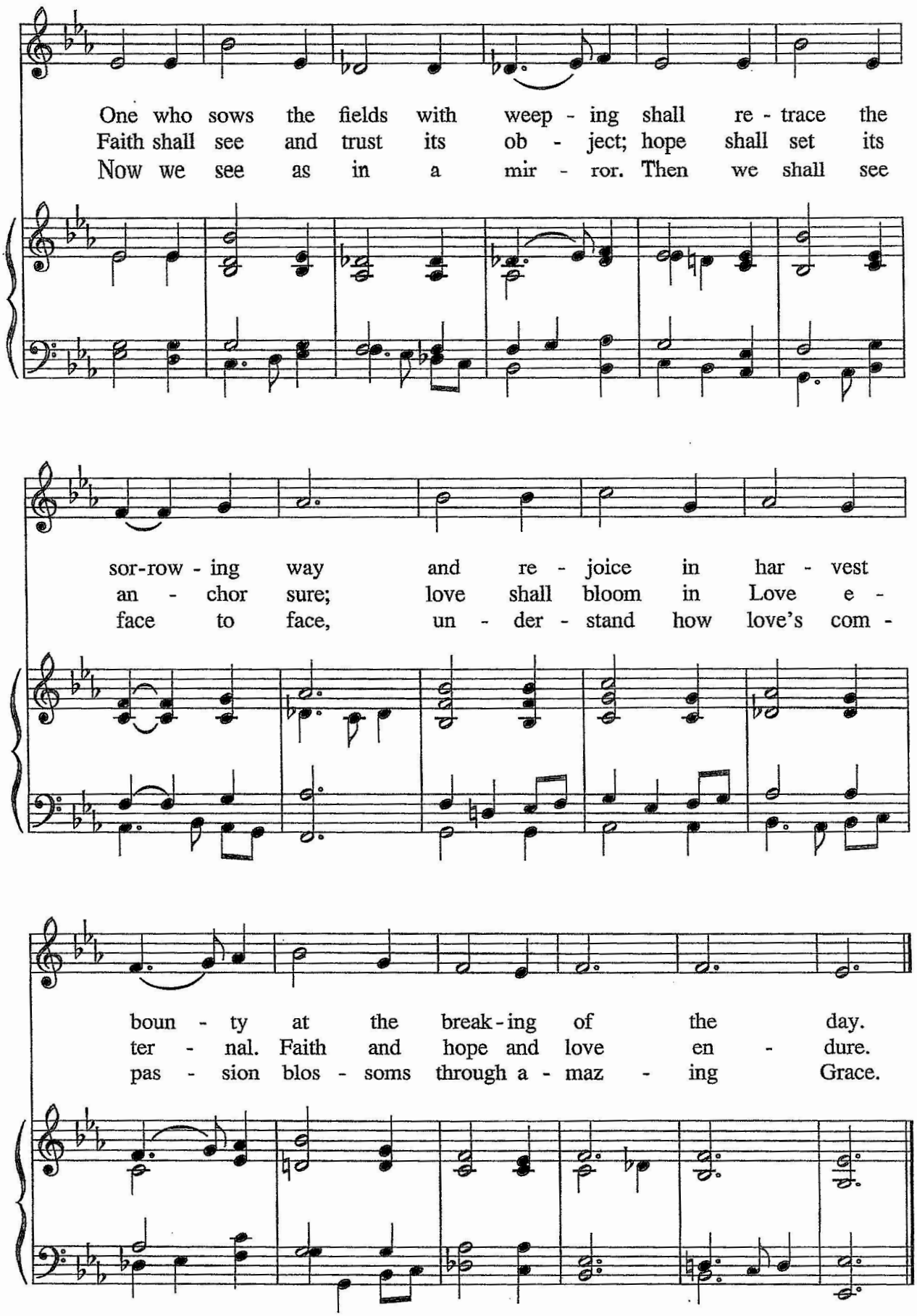
One who sows the fields with weep - ing shall re - trace the
Faith shall see and trust its ob - ject; hope shall set its
Now we see as in a mir - ror. Then we shall see
sor-row - ing way and re - joice in har - vest
an - chor sure; love shall bloom in Love e -
face to face, un - der - stand how love's com -
boun - ty at the break-ing of the day.
ter - nal. Faith and hope and love en - dure.
pas - sion blos - soms through a - maz - ing Grace.

Some Glad Morning
(I'll Fly Away)

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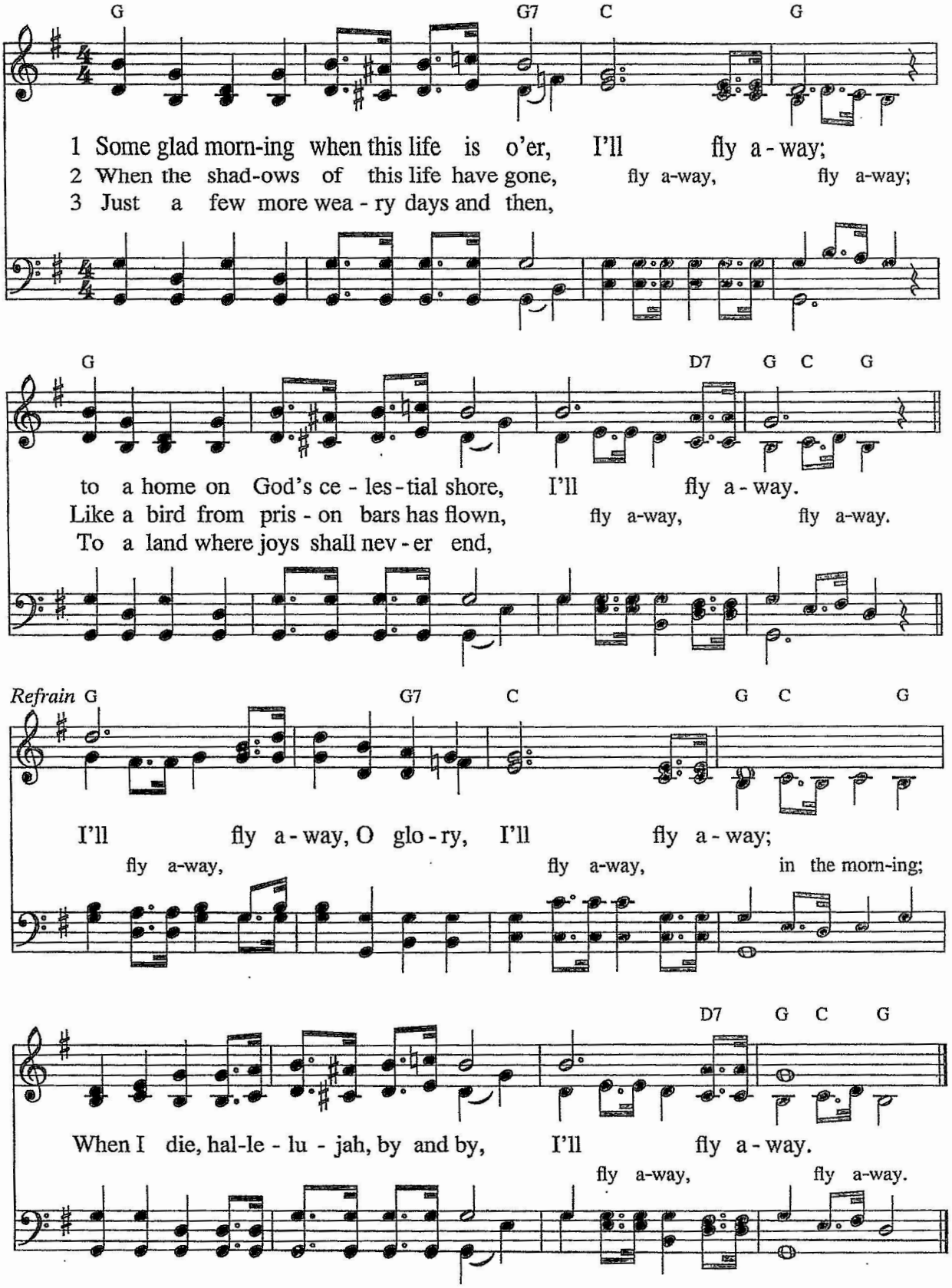
Albert E. Brumley, 1932

Ps. 55:6

G G7 C G
1 Some glad morn-ing when this life is o'er, I'll fly a - way;
2 When the shad-ows of this life have gone, fly a-way, fly a-way;
3 Just a few more wea - ry days and then,
G D7 G C G
to a home on God's ce - les - tial shore, I'll fly a - way.
Like a bird from pris - on bars has flown, fly a-way, fly a-way.
To a land where joys shall nev - er end,
Refrain G G7 C G C G
I'll fly a - way, O glo - ry, I'll fly a - way;
fly a-way, fly a-way, in the morn-ing;
D7 G C G
When I die, hal-le - lu - jah, by and by, I'll fly a - way.
fly a-way, fly a-way.

This is a favorite song of the golden age of gospel music, in which heaven is vividly described and highly desired. Albert E. Brumley's musical style grew out of his Ozark mountain roots. He wrote this song while working in a cotton field.

Tune: I'LL FLY AWAY 9.4.9.4. with refrain
Albert E. Brumley, 1932